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UTILITY/DESIGN PATENT
Docket No. M55.2-9888

DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I(we) hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
- ☐ national stage of PCT
- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☐ continuation-in-part (CIP)

INVENTORSHIP DECLARATION

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ARRANGEMENT OF A SOUND HOLD AND CONSTRUCTION OF A SOUND BOARD IN AN ACOUSTIC GUITAR

the specification of which:

- a) ☐ is being filed concurrently herewith
- b) ☒ was filed on 5/9/01 and assigned Serial No. 09/852,253
- c) ☐ was filed as PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

- ☐ In compliance with this duty there is attached an Information Disclosure Statement.
37 CFR 1.97.

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international applications(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me having the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

COUNTRY	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code, §119(e) of any United States provisional application identified below.

U.S. APPLICATIONS	
APPLICATION NUMBER	U.S. FILING DATE
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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. §120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States applications(s) or PCT international applications(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Date:

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POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM INVENTOR(S)

As a below named inventor of the subject matter of the above identified patent application, I hereby appoint all practitioners of **Customer No. 490** to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. I hereby authorize them to act and rely on instructions from, and to communicate directly with, the firm or person which sent this case to Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus, P.A., unless or until I instruct Vidas, Arrett & Steinkraus P.A., in writing to the contrary.

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Dated: 8-14-01

First Inventor's Signature:
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VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (INVENTOR FORM)

1. As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR §1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention described in the above identified patent application.

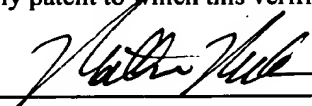
2. I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor under 37 CFR §1.9(c) if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR §1.9(e).

3. I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application for patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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